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SOVIET SCIENTIST KISTYAKOVSKIY CELEBRATES 85th BIRTHDAY

On 12 October, 1950 a special session was held in the auditorium of the Institute of General and Inorganic Chemistry, Academy of Sciences USSR, to celebrate the 85th birthday of Academician Vladimir Aleksandrovich Kistyakov-

The opening address was delivered by Academician M. M. Dubinin. Dubinin was followed by Corresponding Member of the Academy of Sciences USSR N. A. Izgaryshev, who discussed Kistyakovskiy's contributions to the development of the field of physical chemistry, and by Professor P. D. Dankov who briefly gave the highlights of Kistyakovskiy's various published works.

Kistyakovskiy today is the best-known Soviet physical chemist, and has devoted over 60 years of his life to the development of his chosen field.

He was the first to establish the field of physical chemistry as an independent science, and has made great contributions to knowledge in the fields of chemical thermodynamics, the theory and kinetics of solutions, electrochemistry, theory of passivity, and the corrosion of metals.

Academician Kistyakovskiy is known not only as a famous scientist and researcher, but also as a teacher and organizer. For more than 30 years he has been teaching young scientists the fundamentals of physical chemistry and electrochemistry. He organized the first Laboratory for Physical Chemistry Studies, wrote the first Russian text on electrochemistry, and was the guiding light in many conferences on corrosion of metals and its control.

For more than 25 years Kistyakovskiy has been studying the various aspects of a new branch of physical chemistry, colloidal electrochemistry. This branch of physical chemistry deals with problems of the passivity and corrosion of metals, crystallization in the course of electrolytic deposition, and the determination of the structure and properties of protective platings on metals.

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Kistyakovskiy's work has been held in high esteem by all Soviet scientists, and in recognition of his services, the state has twice awarded him the Order of Lenin as well as several medals.

Notwithstanding his meteoric rise and the pressure of work, Kistyakovskiy still manages to find time to consult at great lengths with those working and studying under him.

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